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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, our prayer is not to overcome Your reluctance to help us know and do Your will, for You have created us to love, serve, and obey Your guidance. Rather, our prayer is to lay hold of Your willingness to accomplish Your plans through us. You have told us to call on You, to trust You completely, to put You first in our priorities, and to express our devotion to You in our patriotism. Sometimes, pride blocks our response, and we who want to keep control find it difficult to turn the control of our lives over to You. When we are self-sufficient, we do not pray; when we are self-satisfied, we will not pray; when we are self-righteous, we cannot pray. And yet, Father, when we are honest with ourselves, we know that, by ourselves, we are insufficient. We admit our profound need for Your presence, Your wisdom, and Your solutions to our problems. May this be a great day, lived to the fullest, trusting You each step of the way. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President. Welcome back.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on a motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the product liability bill. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will debate the motion to proceed until the policy luncheons at 12:30 p.m., and following the policy luncheons, it is expected the Senate will resume consideration of the HUD-VA appropriations bill. It is hoped that Members will come to the floor this afternoon to offer and debate amendments to the HUD-VA bill. I understand there are some amendments and some very legitimate amendments. I hope we will get started on those early in the afternoon so that we can have a reasonable debate, but under a time agreement, and get to a conclusion as soon as we can this week on the VA-HUD bill.

The Senate also this week will consider the IRS reform conference report. We are not sure exactly when that will begin. We thought about possibly tonight. It will depend on what happens on product liability and the HUD-VA bill, but we are definitely taking up the IRS reform and restructuring conference report before the end of the week to get a vote. I think this will be a tremendous reward for the American people for their patience, and also to help address the serious problems we have had with the IRS in recent years.

I also remind Members that July is expected to be a very busy month with late-night sessions and votes, and votes on most Fridays and Mondays. If anything develops to the contrary, of course, we will notify Members as soon

as we can. Members have to expect votes late on Monday afternoons and on Fridays also. We certainly need all Senators' cooperation to get this work done. We did get time agreements at the end of the session before we went out for the Fourth of July recess period on higher education and also on a package of energy bills. So we will work those in at the earliest possible opportunity this week or next week. I yield the floor, Mr. President.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FRIST). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provision of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 90, S. 648, the products liability bill:

Trent Lott, Don Nickles, Slade Gorton, Phil Gramm, John McCain, Spencer Abraham, Daniel Coats, Richard G. Lugar, Lauch Faircloth, John H. Chafee, Sam Brownback, Ted Stevens, Jon Kyl, Jeff Sessions, Michael B. Enzi, and Judd Gregg.

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